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SUBJ: VISIT OF NEW ZEALAND DEFENSE MINISTER TO MALAYSIA

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1. SUMMARY: VISIT OF NEW ZEALAND DEFENSE MINISTER FAULKNER AND PARTY TO MALAYSIA LAST WEEK CONSIDERED "HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL" BY NZ HIGH COMMISSION HERE. AGREEMENT FOR EXCHANGE OF MILITARY OFFICERS SIGNED BY GOM AND GNZ. END SUMMARY.

2. VISIT OF NZ DEFMIN FAULKNER AND PARTY (REFTEL) TO KUALA LUMPUR JULY 24-26 CONSIDERED "HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL" BY NZ HICOM FIRST SECRETARY A.G. SIMCOCK. SIMCOCK TOLD EMBOFF JULY 26 THAT VISIT WENT SMOOTHLY AND FAULKNER AND PARTY HAD TWO PRODUCTIVE MEETINGS WITH GOM DEFENSE MIN HAMZAH AND ONE VERY USEFUL MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER RAZAK. PRINCIPAL ACHIEVEMENT OF VISIT WAS SIGNING OF GNZ/GOM AGREEMENT FOR EXCHANGE OF MILITARY OFFICERS  
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WHICH WILL COMMENCE AS SOON AS THE TWO GOVTS HAVE IDENTIFIED

SUITABLE CANDIDATES.

3. MILITARY OFFICERS EXCHANGE AGREEMENT, ACCORDING SIMCOCK, WAS FORMULATED BY GNZ DEFENSE MINISTRY IN RESPONSE TO PM KIRK'S REQUEST TO ALL GOVT DEPARTMENTS SHORTLY AFTER HIS ELECTION TO PRESENT PROPOSALS FOR STRENGTHENING NZ TIES WITH SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS. SIMCOCK SAID THIS AGREEMENT IS FIRST OF ITS TYPE FOR BOTH GNZ AND GOM. UNDER TERMS OF AGREEMENT, PRIMARILY MIDDLE GRADE OFFICERS (MAJOR, LT.COL.) WILL SERVE IN STAFF POSITIONS IN LINE UNITS TO BROADEN COMMAND EXPERIENCE OF OFFICERS CONCERNED. TRAINING PER SE IS NOT PRIMARY OBJECTIVE AND EXCHANGE WILL NOT ORDINARILY INVOLVE SCHOOLING. SIMCOCK SAID THAT INITIALLY TWO OR THREE NZ OFFICERS FROM ARMY OR AIR FORCE WOULD BE SECONDED TO GOM UNITS, WITH PERHAPS AS MANY AS TEN MALAYSIAN OFFICERS GOING TO NEW ZEALAND. (EMBASSY ATTEMPTING OBTAIN ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF EXCHANGE AGREEMENT FROM NZ DEFENSE ADVISER.)

4. REGARDING FPDA, SIMCOCK SAID THAT HE DID NOT SIT IN ON MEETING WITH PM RAZAK AT WHICH REGIONAL DEFENSE MATTERS DISCUSSED BUT, ACCORDING TO HIS HIGH COMMISSIONER, RAZAK CONSIDERED FPDA OPEN-ENDED ARRANGEMENT. RAZAK DID NOT SPECULATE AS TO PHASING OUT OF FPDA OR AS TO TIMING OF IMPLEMENTATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY. RAZAK ALSO REPORTEDLY ATTACHED HIGH IMPORTANCE TO CONTINUED PRESENCE OF AUSTRALIAN MIRAGE SQUADRONS AT BUTTERWORTH BASE. SIMCOCK SAID THAT FAULKNER PARLF'S DISCUSSIONS AT GOM DEFENSE MINISTRY DID NOT TOUCH ON COMMAND CHANGES IN FPDA CONTINGENTS IN SINGAPORE OR POSSIBLE WITHDRAWAL OF BRITISH UNITS. SIMCOCK COMMENTED IN THIS REGARD THAT MALAYSIANS ARE APPARENTLY UNCONCERNED ABOUT DETAILS OF BRITISH, AUSTRALIAN AND NZ PRESENCE IN SINGAPORE, CONCENTRATING INSTEAD ON VALUE OF AUSTRALIAN SQUADRONS TO MALAYSIAN AIR DEFENSE. (COMMENT: SIMCOCK'S OBSERVATION THAT GOM LESS CONCERNED WITH PRESENCE OF BRITISH FORCES IN SINGAPORE AS TANGIDRE EXPRESSION OF ITS COMMITMENT TO FPDA DOES NOT SQUARE WITH GOM STATEMENTS AT TIME OF VISIT OF UK MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENSE RODGERS IN MID-MAY. SEE K.L. 2402 AND 2351.)

5. RE OTHER GNZ INTERESTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, SIMCOCK SAID EMBASSY WILL SOON BE OPENED IN MANILA AND NZ HICOM HERE WILL BE ANJREDITED TO BURMA. NZ HIGH COMMISSIONER WEIR PLANS MAKE FLMI-ANNUAL CONFIDENTIAL

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VISITS TO RANGOON. ALSO, IT ANTICIPATED THAT TECHNICAL AID OFFICER AND POLITICAL OFFICER (SIMCOCK OR DEPUTY HICOM BARBARA ANGUS) WILL EACH MAKE ANNUAL VISITS TO BURMA. SIMCOCK ALSO NOTED NZ FORDGN MINISTRY ASIA DIVISION HAS RECENTLY UNDERGONE SHAKE-UP, WITH FORMER DIRECTOR HENSLEY SHIFTED TO ECONOMIC DIVISION. HE HAS BEEN REPLACED BY FORMER DEPUTY HICOM IN SINGAPORE, LYNCH. TIPPING, FORMER POLITICAL OFFICER HERE, WILL REMAIN IN ASIA DPHISION, ACCORDING TO SIMCOCK. COMMENTING ON THESE CHANGES,

SIMCOCK NOTED NZ FOREIGN MINISTRY IS EXTREMELY THIN IN OFFICERS  
WITH ASIAN EXPERIENCE AND THUS WILL HAVE DIFFICULTY IN STAFFING  
NEW POSTS AND EXECUTING PM KIRK'S INITIATIVES VIS A VIS  
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